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SUBJECT: NEXT ROUND OF CAT: SOVIET RESPONSE TO U.S.
PROPOSAL

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1. DURING JUNE 19 MEETING, USA DEPT. FIRST SECRETARY
V. L. KUZNETSOV PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH FOLLOWING
RESPONSE BY AMB. MENDELEVICH TO REFTEL SUGGESTIONS:

(A) DATE. OPENING DATE OF JULY 18 IS SUITABLE AND
DURATION ALSO SEEMS ACCEPTABLE. MENDELEVICH SUGGESTS
THAT TWO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS HAVE A PRELIMINARY
MEETING IN AFTERNOON OF JULY 17.

(B) ORGANIZATION. IDEA OF COMBINING PLENARIES AND
WORKING GROUPS CAUSES NO PROBLEM, BUT QUESTION OF
HOW MANY WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE SET UP COULD BE
DISCUSSED AND DECIDED AT THE ROUND ITSELF. SOVIET
SIDE HAD PROPOSED AND PROPOSES
AGAIN TO ESTABLISH ONE SUCH GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL
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AND POLITICAL/LEGAL PRINCIPLES. BUT IT DOES NOT
REJECT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ONE OR TWO
ADDITIONAL GROUPS. IT JUST WANTS TO LEAVE THIS
DETAIL - WITHOUT PREJUDICE - UP TO THE DELEGATIONS
AT THE ROUND ITSELF.

(C) VENUE. SOVIET UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT, IN

GENERAL, THE CONSULTATIONS OR MEETINGS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS LIMITATIONS WOULD BE HELD IN HELSINKI AND THIS WAS MENTIONED DURING THE CONVERSATION WHICH THE TWO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS HAD WITH THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. KUZNETSOV SAID THAT, WITH REGARD TO THE LAST POINT, HE HAD A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MENDELEVICH TO GELB, TO WIT; MENDELEVICH DOES REMEMBER DISCUSSING HELSINKI AS A SORT OF PERMANENT VENUE FOR CAT AS BERN WOULD BE A PERMANENT VENUE FOR THE IO TALKS. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, MENDELEVICH REMEMBERS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION AND TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING IN WASHINGTON IF THE TWO TALKS, IO AND CAT, WERE TO FOLLOW EACH OTHER IN SEQUENCE. THIS WAS WITH THE REALIZATION OF THE DIFFICULTY FOR GELB OF GOING BACK AND FORTH IF ONE ROUND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED THE OTHER. BUT SINCE ONLY CAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT NOW, IT WOULD BE "INCONVENIENT" TO GO TO WASHINGTON JUST FOR THOSE CONSULTATIONS. MATLOCK

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